

Niobrara State Park 2015 Activity Schedule

For additional information please call the park office at 402-857-3373.

May 23 - September 6

Horse trail rides

Mon. - Thu. ~ 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.; Tue. ~ Closed; Fri. - Sun ~ 9:30, 10:45 a.m., 1, 2:15, 3:30 p.m. 45-minute ride, NO doubles. Rides can be scheduled one day in advance. \$18 per person; ages 6 and up.

June 6 - August 2

Swimming pool 402-857-3710

Swimming passes are available at the park office. Daily Admission: Adults (13 & older) \$4, Children (3-12) \$3, 2 & under FREE. Open 1-6 p.m.; Aug. 3 - Sept. 6. Weekends only; subject to lifeguard availability

**May 23, June 20, 27,
July 4, 18, August 1,
September 5**

Buffalo cookouts and entertainment

Located at the Buffalo Cookout Shelter. Cookouts are held on select Saturday evenings. Cookout meal will start serving at 6 p.m.; programs will follow immediately after serving. To sign up for buffalo cookouts, guests must register and purchase tickets at the park office before the cookout. There is a cut-off limit and sign up time. Cut-off time is noon on Sat., so sign up early. Minimum 25 persons required to hold cookouts. Adults (13 & older) \$12; Children \$8. No cookouts on the following dates May 30, June 6, 13, July 11, 25, August 8, 15, 22 and 29. Entertainment is free and open to the public.

May 23

7 a.m.

Early-Bird Bird Watching with Mark Brogie and Rebekah Jessen

Located at the J. Alan Cramer Interpretive Shelter.

10 a.m.

Bird in Hand Program

Located at RV Campground Shelter.

6 p.m.

Buffalo Cookout with American Folk Music

Music presented by John & Susan McNeill

May 24

10 a.m.

Sidewalk Chalk Art with Bird and Emerald Ash Borer program

Located at the park office, participation gifts.

2 p.m.

National Park Service Lewis and Clark Trunk program*

June 12

7 p.m.

National Park Service Missouri River Program*

June 13

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

National Park Service Special Event*

Discover the real Missouri River. Join in these fun activities for the whole family: Junior Ranger program, quiz wheel, stream table and mobile ranger station.

June 20

6 p.m.

Buffalo Cookout with American Folk Music

Music presented by John & Susan McNeill

June 21

9 a.m. - noon p.m.

6th Annual Father's Day fishing tournament

Enjoy a morning of fishing with family and friends, prizes will be awarded for biggest fish and most caught. Register your team at the park office. Loaner fishing poles and tackle will be available.

June 26

7 p.m.

National Park Service Presents: "Let Me Go Home!"

Located at the RV campground shelter. Follow the Ponca Tribe's trail of tears and relive the courtroom drama that followed.

June 27

6 p.m.

Buffalo Cookout with Michael McDonald

Michael McDonald will be performing Cowboy Poems with Night Hawk Songs.

June 30 - July 31

6 p.m.

Water Aerobics

Located at the Swimming Pool with instructor Jan Sixta. Monday – Friday, 6 pm, \$3.00 per person.

July 3

7 p.m.

National Park Service program at the RV campground shelter.*

July 4

6 p.m.

Buffalo Cookout, Humanities Nebraska Program:

"Woody Guthrie: Re-envisioning 1930s America" by Kathryn N. Benzel and Mike Adams.

July 5

10 a.m.

Sidewalk Chalk Art with Bird and Emerald Ash Borer program

Located at the park office, participation gifts.

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July 17 - 18

Becoming an Outdoors Woman ~ Niobrara/Missouri River kayaking trip

This program is designed to teach more advanced skills. Contact Julie Geiser julie.geiser@nebraska.gov, 308-660-6955, or Dina Barta dina.barta@nebraska.gov, 402-890-6463, for more information.

July 18

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

National Park Service Special Event

Location to be announced closer to date. Discover the real Missouri River. Fun activities for the whole family: Junior Ranger program, quiz wheel, stream table and mobile ranger station.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Geo-Caching Event with Gary and Liz Doerr and Will and Shirley Dangler

Located at the Buffalo Cookout Shelter

6 p.m.

Buffalo cookout, Humanities Nebraska Program:

"Jean Baptiste Charbonneau "Pomp" son of Toussaint Charbonneau and Sacagawea" by Darrel Draper.

July 25

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Kite Day

1st parking lot in the 3-mile tent camping loop. Bring your favorite kite along or borrow one from the park. Fun for all ages.

July 25 - 26

7 p.m.

The City of Niobrara will be hosting "Desperado Days" this weekend.

July 26

11 a.m.

National Park Service Parent's Day program *

Located at the RV campground shelter

August 1

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

National Park Service Special Event

Located at the Buffalo Cookout Shelter. Discover the real Missouri River. Join in these fun activities for the whole family: Junior Ranger program, quiz wheel, stream table and mobile ranger station.

6 p.m.

Buffalo cookout, Ponca Cultural Night.

Ponca Warrior Society Dancers, buffalo skinners, tools and storytelling. Learn about Native American history.

August 7

7 p.m.

National Park Service program*

Located at the RV campground shelter.

August 7 - 9

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Pow Wow

August 8

10 a.m.

Waterfowl hunting/cold water hypothermia safety class

Located at the swimming pool. Bring your chest waders, hunting gear, etc. and practice water safety in a controlled environment. You will be submerged with chest waders

August 28

7 p.m.

National Park Service campground program*

September 3

4:20 p.m.

Niobrara Verdigre Cougars Cross Country Invitational

Hosted by Niobrara State Park.

September 5

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

National Park Service Special Event

Located at the Buffalo Cookout Shelter. Discover the real Missouri River. Fun activities for the whole family: Junior Ranger program, quiz wheel, stream table and mobile ranger station.

5 p.m.

Buffalo cookout, Humanities Nebraska program:

Michael McDonald presents a variety of cowboy poetry to music.

September 6

10 a.m.

Sidewalk Chalk Art with Bird and Emerald Ash Borer program

Located at the park office, participation gifts.

September noon

Registration: 7 p.m.

Race: 8 p.m.

3rd Annual Night Owl 5K run / walk.

Register with Niobrara State Park 402-857-3373, Check the Nebraska Game & Parks Website for Event Registration.

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